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## **Texas Airman Named Air National Guard’s Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year**

**CAMP MABRY, Texas (April 11, 2014)** – The Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols, is pleased to announce Texas Air National Guardsman Master Sgt. Joseph G. Ashwood as the 2013 Air National Guard Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Ashwood, from the 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, 147th Reconnaissance Wing at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas, received the honor for his work on the job, as well as his off-duty efforts.

“The task of selecting these Airmen from the outstanding individuals nominated this year was a difficult one,” said Lt. Gen. Stanley "Sid" E. Clarke, III, Air National Guard director. “All nominees should be extremely proud of their achievements, their exemplary representation of their states and territories, and their service to the Air National Guard and the communities in which they live. They are examples to all Guard Airmen.”

Despite all his work at the wing and in the community, Ashwood credits his success to his leaders and his Airmen.

“I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude for leadership trusting me and putting me in positions to be successful,” Ashwood said, “my troops for working [hard] for me and to those who have mentored me along the way.”

As the ANG’s Senior NCO of the year, Ashwood will move on to compete against other nominees at the Air Force level.

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